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SUBJ: MRGD FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON SEVENTH OCAM SUMMIT

1. IN PRESS- RADIO INTERVIEW ON RETURN TO COTONOU MAY 8,
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON OCAM
SUMMIT:

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(A) SUMMIT, WHICH BEGAN ITS WORK IN UNEASY ATMOSPHERE,
NEVERTHELESS FINALLY CONSTITUTED A STEP FORWARD.

(B) MALAISE EXPLAINED BECAUSE CHIEFS OF STATE WHO
FOUNDED OCAM WERE OLD FRIENDS WHO HAD OFTEN ATTENDED SAME
SCHOOLS AND WORKED TOGETHER IN SAME PARTIES. DECISIONS THEY
SETTLED ON IN THE AFRICAN ORGANIZATION WERE MOST OFTEN TAKEN IN
SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AND IN PURELY AFRICAN TRADITION, DONE WITH
GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, OFTEN OUTSIDE THE
TEXTS GOVERNING THE ORGANIZATION. NEW TEAMS HAVE COME TO POWER
HERE AND THERE IN AFRICA WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS WAY OF
DOING BUSINESS. THERE HAS BEEN A CERTAIN SHIFT BETWEEN SPIRIT
AT TIME OCAM CREATED AND THE FACTS WITH WHICH WE ARE NOW
LIVING.

(C) CONFERENCE WAS SUMMIT OF TRUTH AND OF FAITH IN
LIFE OF OCAM. THIS TIME IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WERE NOT EVADED
BY MINISTERS OR CHIEFS OF STATE.

(D) PRAISED COURAGE AND INITIATIVE ON OCAM SECRETARY
GENERAL KANE WHO POSED FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM OF REORIENTING
OCAM.

(E) QUESTION OF ENLARGEMENT OF YAOUNDE CONVENTION
TO INCLUDE ANGLOPHONES IS ON THE TRACK. WE CANNOT START OUT
DIVIDED AND CONFRONT A EUROPE WHICH IS NOW UNITED .
ANDERSON

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